

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 15, 2004

Ken Lee Building Conference Room  
430 "F" Street

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Chair Doug Reid at 6:00 p.m.

## ROLL CALL/MOTION TO EXCUSE

**MSC** (Thomas/Means) to excuse Commissioner Juan Diaz. **Vote:** (6-0)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Doug Reid, Vice-Chair John Chávez, Commissioners Teresa Thomas, Stanley Jasek, Pamela Bensoussan and Tracy Means

**STAFF PRESENT:** Benjamin Guerrero, Environmental Projects Manager  
Lynn France, Conservation Coordinator  
Linda Bond, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** October 4, 2004

**MSC** (Jasek/Means) to approve the October 4, 2004 minutes as submitted. **Vote:** (6-0-0-1) with Diaz absent.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Consideration of Space Allocation Ordinance and Recycling and Solid Waste Planning Guide

Ms. Lynn France (*Conservation Coordinator*) presented the Recycling and Solid Waste Planning Guide. She indicated that the City Attorney's office was still reviewing the Space Allocation Ordinance.

Staff Recommendation: That the RCC ask for a recommendation from the City Council to approve the Ordinance amendments and the Recycling and Solid Waste Planning Guide.

**MSC** (Means/Chávez) to recommend that the City Council approve the documents.

#### Commission Discussion

Commissioner Thomas stated that the City is having much construction activity, particularly in areas where buildings were previously located. She thought that there should be guidelines in the Planning Guide for those people who are either adding to their building, changing or rebuilding in an area where there is old construction and about the deconstruction process and how that is related to reducing the solid waste that is the result of the demolition. **Ms. France** indicated that she hopes to come back to the RCC with a completely separate construction/demolition ordinance in the next three months or so. It should be an ordinance with a report form. It is something staff is working on as a region with the Technical Advisory Committee to SANDAG's Local Waste Task Force. Builders

go from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, so we wanted to make the report the same no matter what jurisdiction they are in, maybe the ordinance will be different, but the report should be the same.

Commissioner Thomas stated that she would like to see a CD that would include this but also might have some case studies or examples where these things have shown success. Whenever we have a new project come through this Commission, we have been raising the point about having a Solid Waste Management Plan. It was referred some place in the middle of the Ordinance. She would like to see it stated where it is appropriate...probably in Item A...that there be a Solid Waste Management Plan. She would like to see the Guide printed in a larger font size and bolding used rather than underlining. There should be some direction as to what should be done with cyber waste such as monitors and televisions. **Ms. France** indicated that the latter are included in the bulky item pickup such as those addressed on page 8 and 10 of the Guide. There is a \$5 fee for that service.

Commissioner Thomas felt strongly that there should be policies for schools. **Ms. France** stated that schools are a State Agency and not under the control of City jurisdiction when it comes to solid waste issues.

Commissioner Chávez asked, where does household hazardous waste show up as far as the City is concerned? Should it show up here? **Ms. France** responded in the negative. This Guide is intended for the builders.

Commissioner Jasek asked, what are "white goods"? **Ms. France** indicated that white goods are appliances.

Commissioner Jasek inquired about the requirement for landscape workers under contract to provide receipts and the homeowners association requirement to maintain these for 18 months...is this some standard that you are extracting from some of the other policies? **Ms. France** indicated that it is a way to verify that yard waste is really being recycled and not landfilled.

Commissioner Jasek asked if the indicated dimensions of posts to hold trash enclosure doors were exact or if there was some leniency allowed for a developer? **Ms. France** stated that these same requirements are also spelled out in the City's adopted Design Manual.

Commissioner Jasek asked if the same requirement allowed no flexibility regarding decorative stamping or brickwork/cobblestones in front of trash enclosures. It seems like we are being over restrictive and not allowing for a bit of beautification. Also, the Guide does not mention solid waste management or recycling in regards to the common areas or recreation or the park areas in any of the residential developments. Nothing specifically requires the designer of Otay Ranch Village 11 to do something that helps support recycling in the open space areas or the recreation areas. **Ms. France** indicated that staff does discuss requirements with the developers. If they are going to put trashcans in the common area, they need to put recycling cans next to them.

Chair Reid asked if there was any process for staff to grant exceptions or modifications. **Ms. France** responded in the affirmative. All of these are at the approval of the City Manager or designee.

Commissioner Chávez left the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

**Vote:** (5-0-0-2) with Diaz and Chávez absent.

Ms. France stated that the Guide would be going before the Planning Commission on December 8, 2004 and to City Council on December 14, 2004.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** None.

**CHAIR COMMENTS:** Chair Reid asked to be excused from the December 6, 2004 RCC meeting.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** Commissioner Thomas wanted the RCC members to be aware that on Wednesday the Chula Vista Nature Center is having a celebration and presentation of the Clapper Rail, which is having incredible success coming back. Also, a Charrett regarding the Bayfront is occurring Thursday.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Reid adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m. to a regular meeting on Monday, December 6, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ken Lee Building Conference Room, 430 "F" Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910.

Prepared by:

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Linda Bond  
Recording Secretary